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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hugh Sharkey and Gary S.  
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Art Unit : 3739  
Examiner : David M. Shay

Serial No. : 08/714,987

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TISSUE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated September 17, 2003, be extended for three months to and including March 17, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$950 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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